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Honorable Pamela Pepper
US. District Judge
517 E. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: *United States v. Yousef Barasneh*
Case No. 20-CR-26

Dear Judge Pepper:

On March 18, the Court ordered that by May 8, 2020, the parties file a status report, indicating to the court their anticipated next steps.

I can report that the parties have communicated during the last month, particularly in the last several weeks, with the goal of resolving this case short of a trial. The parties believe we are moving well toward that goal. The government has provided defense counsel with a proposed plea agreement along with its view of the case. In turn, defense counsel has discussed some of its objectives with the government. Both sides have acted in accordance with these intentions. As Mr. Barasneh's counsel, I informed Assistant United States Attorney Ben Proctor that it is reasonable to believe we will have a signed plea agreement in three weeks.

Accordingly, I ask the Court to extend by three weeks, that is, until May 29, 2020, its order to either file a plea agreement or set forth in a letter to the Court what is the status of the case.

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I thank the Court for its attention to Mr. Barasneh's case.

Sincerely,

s/ John W. Champion
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